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PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Missing Parts mailed November 17, 2003, said period of response being extended from January 17, 2004 to March 17, 2004.

**Our check in the amount of \$210.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee.  
Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 19-0743.**

Respectfully Submitted

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